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BIOCHEMICAL PROTEIN-PROTEIN INTERACTION

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Sir:

**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO DECEMBER 3, 2002 OFFICE ACTION AND
SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

This Amendment is submitted in response to the Office Action issued December 3, 2002 by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above-identified patent application. A response to the December 3, 2002 Office Action is due March 3, 2003. Accordingly, this response is being timely filed.

Please amend the subject application as follows:

In the Specification

Please replace the Abstract of the Disclosure with the replacement abstract provided on page A34 in **Exhibit A** attached hereto. A marked-up version of the abstract, with deleted matter in brackets and with added matter underlined, is provided on page B34 in **Exhibit B** attached hereto.

Please replace the paragraph bridging pages 2 and 3, with the replacement paragraph in clean form provide on page A2 in **Exhibit A** attached hereto. A marked-up version of the paragraph, with deleted matter in brackets and with added matter underlined, is